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Board of Canvassers 2020 Annual Report

Attendance:

Claire Boyes Chairperson

Dan O'Mahony

Martha Wallick

Shirley Applegate-Lockridge Alternate

Sarah O'Brien Alternate

2020 Accomplishments

The Board of Canvassers undertook a different road to prepare for the Presidential Preference Primary, FTM and the General Election. The pandemic created a different approach to the board having at least 20 meetings via Zoom.

Early /Emergency voting was held 20 days prior to the PPP in Council Chambers. On June 2, 2020 one poll was used for the Presidential Preference Primary.

A mail ballot drop box was installed at the entrance of the town hall.

The FTM was rescheduled to Saturday, July 2, 2020.

Early/Emergency voting was held 20 days prior to General Election again in Council Chambers.

The General Election was held on November 3, 2020 and all five polls were open for voting.

2021 Agenda/ Goals

March 2, 2021 Statewide Election

May 26, 2021 FTM

Submitted by

Claire Boyes

Budget Forecasting 2020 Annual Report

We are a 6 member committee, the Chairperson is John Alessandro and the vice chair is Bill Dewitt.

We have one meeting a month from September to February.

Accomplishments

- We made a clear Budget Forecasting document for the Town
- We were codified by the Town Council as to our make-up and purpose

Goals for 2021

- To produce a complete BFC document for all other committees to refer to as necessary
- Introduce new members to our process and procedure

Budget/asset allocation

- We will need posting of the meetings and hosting of our meetings on Zoom
- Help organizing the joint committee meetings

Building Board of Review 2020 Annual Report

The Building Board of Review meets on an as-needed/as-requested basis. Five meetings were held during 2020 as listed below.

Meeting No.	Date	Purpose
1	January 9, 2020	Workshop with RIEMA regarding flood control provisions of the building code.
2	July 21, 2020	Notice of Violation – Unsafe Structures Shineharmony Properties – AP 14, Lots 2, 4, 13, 341, 342, and 343 – 21 and 23 Middle Highway.
3	September 3, 2020	Continuation from July 21
4	October 22, 2020	Continuation from September 3
5	December 22, 2020	Continuation from October 22

Attendance

Building Board of Review	1-9-20	7-21-20	9-3-20	10-22-20	12-22-20
Thomas Billups, Chair	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Patrick Connors, Member	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Luttrell, Member	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Michael O'Connell, Member	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Noah Szosz, Member	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Others For the Town					
Dennis Begin, Building Inspector	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carolyn Joyce, Board Secretary	Yes	Yes			Yes
Isabelle Gillabrand, Board Secretary			Yes	Yes	Yes
Peter Skwirz Legal Counsel	No		Yes	Yes	Yes
Mike Ursillo, Legal Counsel		Yes			

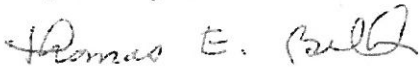
2020 Accomplishments

Hear requests from appellants for variances from Building Code provisions in accordance with Building Code Provisions for Appeals. Meetings are scheduled on an as-requested basis. Meetings for requests for variances will be requested and held on an as-needed, as-requested basis.

Town Council and Administration Requests for Support

- Continue to have legal representation at meetings for critical requests; and
- Continued attendance at meetings by Town Council Liaison.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Billups", written in a cursive style.

Thomas E. Billups, P.E.
Chairman

Barrington Cemetery Commission 2020 Annual Report

Attendance

Stephen P Kirby	Chairperson BCC	11 Meetings
James Bessel	Commissioner	10 Meetings
Ericka Farrell	Commissioner	1 Meeting
Sue Cherau	Secretary (Commissioner)	11 Meetings
Jack Anderson	Commissioner	11 Meetings
Steven Boyajian	Liaison	6 Meetings
Jacob Brier	Newly appointed Liaison	

2020 Accomplishments

- Maintaining all of Barrington's Cemeteries both active and inactive
- Overseeing the finances and investments of the BCC
- Day to day maintenance and upkeep of cemetery grounds
- Restoration of Allin Yard during the summer of 2020

2021 Agenda / Goals

- Further restoration of Allin Yard during the summer of 2021
- GPR of Allin Yard to see if vacant land contains remains
- Investigate possibility of another columbarium at Princess Hill Cemetery
- Investigate the possibility of installing a wrought iron fence on Nayatt Road at Forest Chapel Cemetery

Town Council and Administration Requests for Support

- None at this time
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Barrington Cemetery Commission

Burial Report 2020

Forest Chapel

Full Burials

23

Cremations

23

Princess Hill

Full Burials

1

Cremations

2

Princess Hill Columbarium

1

The Commission is researching the inventory of both active cemeteries and over the next several years to discuss expanding Forest Chapel Cemetery and studying the feasibility of opening up land at Knockum Hill.

Stephen P. Kirby, Chairperson

BARRINGTON COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS (COA) 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

This report covers the calendar year 2020

The COA held 12 regular meetings prior to the FTM, where proposed School, Municipal, and Capital budgets were reviewed, and a recommended budget was adopted. The first three meetings were held in person at the middle school, and all subsequent meetings were held via Zoom. All meetings were open to the public and allowed for public comment. The recommended budget was reviewed at the July 1, 2020 Budget Hearing, and the final budget was adopted by voters at the July 18, 2020 FTM.

Prior to the FTM, members of the Committee were: Richard Staples, Cynthia Rosengard, Lisa Daft – Vice Chair, John Alessandro, and Stephen Primiano - Chair.

Richard Staples, Stephen Primiano, Lisa Daft and Cynthia Rosengard were present at all regular meetings. John Alessandro missed two meetings - although one immediately preceded the 1/28/2020 Budget Forecast Presentation which he did attend.

All Members attended the July 1, 2020 Budget Hearing and the July 18, 2020 FTM.

At the FTM Stephen Primiano was re-elected to a two year term. William DeWitt was elected to a two year term as well, replacing Richard Staples who chose to retire as the longest serving current member, including two years as Chair. Lisa Daft and John Alessandro each have one year remaining on their terms and will continue to serve through the current budget cycle.

The COA met on August 11, 2020 and reorganized. Stephen Primiano was elected Chair, and Lisa Daft was elected Vice Chair. The meeting was attended by all members, both retiring and newly elected.

Despite the challenges and uncertainties caused by the Covid Pandemic the Committee was able to produce, and the taxpayers adopt, a realistic budget - albeit in an extended process. There appeared to be an increase in "attendance" and interest.

In the upcoming year we will follow a similar schedule to 2020 as we work to present and adopt a 2021-2022 budget. Meeting formats will remain the same and our hope is to return to "in person" meetings as soon as is safe. We also hope the process does not have to be drawn out again this year. We will, however, remain flexible in dealing with any future challenges.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Primiano

January 26, 2021

Barrington Conservation Commission 2020 Annual Report

Member	Position	Attendance
Allen, Jorie		7 of 8 meetings
Boyes, David	Treasurer	5 of 8 meetings
Materne, Doug	Co-chairman	6 of 8 meetings
McBride, Richard		7 of 8 meetings
Myatt, Ted	Co-chairman	8 of 8 meetings
Roberts, Joseph	Secretary	8 of 8 meetings
Small, Eileen		6 of 8 meetings

2020 has been a difficult year for our community. The Conservation Commission was only able to have eight monthly meetings, however, our member participation was very good.

2020 Accomplishments

The state mandated shutdown due to the COVID pandemic required that the planned Arbor Day observance and Barrington Clean Up had to be cancelled. Considerable effort was put into this endeavor.

The Conservation Commission recommended that the Town of Barrington seek to become a Tree City USA 2020 by applying to the Arbor Day Foundation.

As per 185-173(C) and (D) of the Barrington Zoning Regulations, the Conservation Commission reviewed, acted upon and submitted recommendations to the zoning Board of Review on zoning applications requesting relief from Wetlands Overlay District and setbacks from Wetland and waterbodies.

In 2020, the Conservation Commission heard and acted upon 9 such applications.

We reviewed, researched and supported the Fertilizer Ordinance to conserve resources and protect our environment by regulating outdoor application of nitrogen and phosphorus- based fertilizers in order to reduce the overall amount of excess nitrogen and phosphorus entering the Town's waters. The Commission drafted guidance materials. The Fertilizer Ordinance was enacted.

The Commission drafted guidelines and procedures for Adopt-a-Spot program. This program allows volunteers to keep a portion of public areas beautified and properly maintained. The Town was fortunate that Barrington Lions applied and was approved to Adopt-aSpot at Police Cove.

The Commission began discussing the possibility to create a Barrington Green Building initiative. This is an ongoing topic.

We reviewed the draft revisions to the Rhode Island Freshwater Wetlands Regulations. The Conservation Commission requested that the Town Council object to these proposed regulations as a state over reach on town ordinances and would only weaken the protection of wetlands in the state and particularly Barrington.

2021 Agenda / Goals

Review and act upon zoning applications as needed pending revised RI Freshwater Wetland Regulations.

Continue to urge efforts to change undesirable revisions to the state Freshwater Wetlands Regulations

Review and offer suggestions and recommendations to projects and issues with potential environmental consequences.

Undertake issues requested by the Town Council.

Remain a strong advocate to the continued expansion of the Town Tree Nursery.

Town Council and Administration requests for support

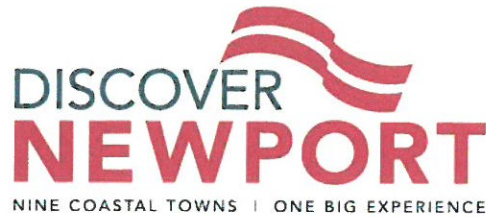
Request the Town Council and Town Manger continue to include the Conservation Commission in the review of projects and issues with potential environmental impacts.

Provide the resources to ensure the Town Nursery is successful.

Submitted: Douglas W. Materne
Co-chairman

Ted Myatt
Co-chairman

Date: January 11, 2021



December 15, 2020

Offices of the Town Council
Town Hall
283 County Rd
Barrington, RI 02806

Dear Council Members,

In accordance with RI State Statute 42-105-11, we have enclosed a copy of our consolidated annual audit report for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019. I am pleased to report that we received an unmodified opinion and had no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

If you would like an electronic copy of the audit report, please contact me at aadkins@discovernewport.org.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that we are moving our offices effective January 1, 2021. Our new address is:

Discover Newport
44 Long Wharf Mall
Newport, RI 02840

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alyson C Adkins", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alyson C Adkins
VP of Finance and Human Resources

Enclosures



Board of Directors
Discover Newport
23 America's Cup Ave
Newport, RI 02840

We are pleased to present this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Newport and Bristol County Convention and Visitors' Bureau and Subsidiary (the Bureau) for the year ended June 30, 2020.

The Finance Department oversees the audit and assumes responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, the Finance Department established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed to provide reasonable assurance that the Bureau's assets are protected from loss, theft, or misuse. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of maintaining internal controls should not exceed the benefits derived based on management's estimates and judgments. All internal control evaluations occur within this framework. We believe the Bureau's internal controls adequately safeguard assets and provide reasonable assurance of the proper recording of financial transactions.

Sansiveri, Kimball & Co, a public accounting firm fully licensed and qualified to perform audits of local governments within the State of Rhode Island has audited the Bureaus' consolidated financial statements. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the basic financial statements of the Bureau as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. The independent auditors concluded, based upon the audit, that the Bureaus' consolidated financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). The independent auditors' report is presented as the first two pages of the financial section of this CAFR.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) precedes the independent auditors' report. It provides an analytical overview of the Bureau's operations for fiscal year (FY) 2020. This letter of transmittal is intended to complement the MD&A and other information contained in this report and should be read in conjunction with it.

REPORTING ENTITY

This CAFR includes all funds of the Bureau. The Bureau is comprised of two entities, Newport and Bristol County Convention and Visitors' Bureau (DBA Discover Newport) and the Newport Tourism Marketing Management Authority (DBA Newport Hotel Collection).

Discover Newport is unique, as it does not operate as a typical membership-based convention and visitors' bureau. It is a quasi-governmental organization established by state law, funded primarily by room tax revenues, and the governing body is composed of an autonomous Board of Directors (the Discover Newport Board). This eighteen-member board is comprised of thirteen members appointed by the nine town council's within Newport and Bristol County and five representatives who are nominated by the Discover Newport Board to represent the hotel industry (over 100 rooms), the hotel industry (under 100 rooms), restaurant industry, attractions industry, and general business interests.

Discover Newport's mission statement is:

"To positively influence the economy of Newport and Bristol Counties, Rhode Island, which includes Barrington, Bristol, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, and Warren, by marketing the region as a travel and tourism destination."

Discover Newport is charged with marketing and branding Newport and Bristol County as a premier travel destination. Its primary responsibility is attracting visitors to our destination. While resorts advertise and market their individual properties, Discover Newport markets and brands the destination as a whole. Discover Newport integrates its branding campaigns with sales, marketing, and public relations activities, as well as special events, to attract visitors.

The Newport Hotel Collection is a District Management Authority and was established by the Newport City Council in September 2017. It is 100% funded by a special assessment tourism fee of \$1/per room/per night of hotels over 20 rooms within the district. It is governed by an autonomous Board of Directors (the Newport Hotel Collection Board). This nine-member board is comprised of seven members appointed by Discover Newport and two members appointed by the City of Newport. All board members come from properties within the district.

The Newport Hotel Collection is charged with marketing and branding the district by sponsoring and promoting recreational, cultural, and retail activities and to provide general marketing and promotion efforts. The Newport Hotel Collection has no employees; it is managed by Discover Newport.

Funding received by both Discover Newport and the Newport Hotel Collection is received two months in arrears.

ECONOMIC CONDITION

In 2019, tourism was the largest industry and economic driver in Newport and Bristol Counties. As a result, U.S. and international travel trends are closely monitored. In late February and early March 2020 escalating media reports warned of a new, very serious deadly flu virus coming out of China. By March 12th, the reality and disbelief of the magnitude of this problem rocked the entire world. Limiting exposure to spreading germs meant limiting mobility. Limiting mobility meant limiting travel. By mid-March, the global travel industry was faced with a disaster larger than any it had faced in modern history. No one really had any clarity as to how long this health threat would last. A global pandemic

was now clearly going to challenge our way of living in ways most could never have imagined. Week by week more events, conferences and weddings were canceled or postponed. People's confidence in traveling plummeted under 25%. Demand for travel by plane, cruise ship or train quickly dropped by a staggering 75-100%. Travel experts predicted that the only travel that would take place for the balance of 2020 would be the regional drive market (300 miles or less). The enormous shift and decline in travel brought about record high unemployment and an enormous drop in travel - related taxes and fees at the national, state, and local levels.

Here locally on Aquidneck Island, most of the hotels closed during March & April with most reopening in the 3rd week in May in time for the Memorial Day holiday. While top national research firms predicted/ forecasted a decline in lodging occupancy as high as 65% for the third quarter, Newport and Middletown only posted a decline of about 25% (far better than the national figures predicted). We believe this positive trend in Q 3 was a result of multiple factors: 1st- Newport is within 400 miles (one gas tank) of 18% of the American population. 2nd- Newport was offering a lot of outdoors activities for travelers to enjoy. 3rd- Industry partners and the city administration took a very proactive approach to public safety & health guidelines. This resulted in high visitor confidence that Newport was a safe destination to visit.

The Discover Newport staff has been and will continue to work cooperatively with many alliance partners to promote Newport & Bristol Counties as a safe and interesting travel option to consider for those that are ready to travel at this time. We recognize and embrace that safe travel is a shared responsibility between our visitors, our industry employees, and our residents.

Respectfully submitted,



Evan Smith
President & CEO



Alyson Adkins, CPA
VP of Finance



SANSIVERI, KIMBALL & CO., LLP
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS • BUSINESS ADVISORS

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of the
Newport and Bristol County Convention and Visitors' Bureau:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Newport and Bristol County Convention and Visitors' Bureau and Subsidiary (the Bureau) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP); this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Newport and Bristol County Convention and Visitors' Bureau and Subsidiary as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

U.S. GAAP requires that the management's discussion and analysis information on pages 3-14 be presented to supplement the basic consolidated financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic consolidated financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic consolidated financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic consolidated financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic consolidated financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedules 1 and 2 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

Danvers, Kimball & Co., LLP

Providence, Rhode Island
November 10, 2020

Harbor Commission 2020 Annual Report

Attendance

(Name)	(Position)	(8 of 10 meetings)
Chip Hawkins, Chairman,	5/5	
Anne Chapin, comm. Member,	4/5	
Paul Dennis, comm. Member,	3/5	
Frank Hearn, comm. Member,	4/5	
Mike Reuter, comm. Member,	4/5	
Brad Evans, comm. Member,	4/5	
Dwight McMillan, comm. Member,	5/5	
Doug Mosier, comm. Member,	4/5	
James Forster, comm. Member,	3/5	

Great job by the committee, difficult attending meetings or having meetings

2020 Accomplishments

- Safety, safety and safety!!
- Very busy season with people getting on to the water both new and experienced
- Continue to clean up harbor and maximize the use of space

2021 Agenda / Goals

- safety

Town Council and Administration Requests for Support

- I'm sure you are aware that the HC needs to replace one of its patrol boats
The pandemic has raised the cost of acquisition for our next boat

As a side note Brian Hunt and I communicate quite a bit and we have met in place of some of the canceled meetings as needed. Submitted,
Chip Hawkins, Harbor Commission Chairman

Housing Board of Trustees 2020 Annual Report

Attendance

Chris Brady	Chair	(8 of 8 meetings)
Shayla Simmons	Secretary	(6 of 8)
Jay Guthin	Treasurer	(5 of 8)
Carla DeStefano	Member	(3 of 8) took leave
Laura Turner	Member	(6 of 8)
Ronnie Phipps	Member	(5 of 8)
Annelise Conway	Member/Liaison	(4 of 8)
John Fitta	1 st Alt/Member	(6 of 8)
Benjamin Reiss	2 nd Alt/1 st Alt	(5 of 8)
Pam Lauria	2 nd Alternate	(2 of 8) started 10/2
Jacob Brier	Liaison	(7 of 8)
Steve Boyajian	Liaison	(4 of 8)
Debra Page-Trim	Economic Development/ Spencer Trust Administrator	(5 of 7)

2020 Accomplishments

- Develop Down Payment Assistance Program
- Monitor Inclusionary Zoning Projects
- Supported ordinance to prohibit discrimination based on source of income in housing

2021 Agenda / Goals

- Launch Down Payment Assistance Program
- Work with Planning promote affordable housing in new developments
- Investigate Ordinance and regulatory mechanisms to promote affordable housing

Town Council and Administration Requests for Support

- Ratify Down Payment Assistance Program
- Collaborate on ordinances and regulatory mechanisms to promote affordable housing

Juvenile Hearing Board Committee (Commission)

2020 Annual Report

Attendance

Philip Swintak	(Chair)	7 of 7 meetings
Jack Anderson		7 of 7 meetings
Michael Tripp		Resigned- 10/2020
Maria Suarez		7 of 7 meetings
Cara Humm		6 of 7 meetings
Brie Fanning-DiLibero (Alternate)		6 of 7 meetings
Kate Weymouth (Town Counsel Liaison)		4 of 7 meetings

2020 Accomplishments

- Utilized restorative justice with youth and victims as a sanction with board members present
- Improved communication/ accountability for community service placements
- Youths completed sanctions/ consequences by their follow up review date that came before the board.
- Held JHB meetings virtually effective- 11/2020 with youth and families

2020 Agenda / Goals

- Fill the Alternate position on the board
- Update JHB paperwork/ documentation
- Update/ put in place expectations/ role of town counsel liaison on JHB
- Continue to meet as a board when scheduled to discuss ways to improve on what's working positively with the hearings and what's not in order to be more effective moving forward.
- Continue to work on keeping board members engaged and consistent during hearings.

Town Council and Administration Requests for Support

We are very supported by our Liaison at the Juvenile Hearing Board.

Library Board of Trustees 2020 Annual Report

Attendance

Vincent Wicker	President	7 of 8 meetings
Cindy Kaplan	Vice President	7 of 8 meetings
Cindy Elder	Treasurer	6 of 8 meetings
Jack Siegel	Acting Secretary	8 of 8 meetings
Ann Price (resigned)	Secretary	4 of 8 meetings
Laura Laurence		8 of 8 meetings
Laura Young		8 of 8 meetings

1 meeting was not held due to “essential” meetings rule

1 meeting (Sept) was cancelled due to improper zoom posting per Town Solicitor

2020 Accomplishments

- The Trustees worked collaboratively with the Director to complete the Library’s 5-Year Plan. This plan – named the “Strategic Plan” has been expanded from just strategies to specific tactics and objectives that the Library and each department will strive to achieve
- Supported the Directors decisions to pivot to virtual programs during the pandemic
- The Library secured external WiFi broadcasting so as to enable those without broadband at home to access WiFi after hours and while the Library was closed due to Covid restrictions

2021 Agenda / Goals

- Continue the work to establish the Library as a true community “hub” for the town through programming, outreach, materials access, computer access, technology tutoring, and most of all information access.
- Incorporate learnings from the Town’s DEI consulting engagement into the elements of the Library’s five-year plan
- Continuing to support the Director in nurturing a dedicated staff, focused on serving our community.
- Developing Trustee and community education around the role of public libraries in our times

Town Council and Administration Requests for Support

- Continuing the Town’s already support. Thank you for another great Liaison and keeping an open door for consultation and collaboration.

Open Space Committee 2020 Annual Report

Attendance

(Name)	(Position)	(8 of 10 meetings)
Magnus Thorsson	Chair	
Steven Boyajian	Council Representative	
Kate Weymouth	Member	
Victor Lerish	Member	
Ron Pitt	Member	
Kelly Chinnners Reiss	Member	
Thomas TR Rimoshytus	Member	
Phil Hervey	Member	
George Finn	Member	

2020 Accomplishments

- On committee recommendation, Town council adopted AMC trail standards and signage.
- Committee members volunteered to clear trails within park land of vines, overgrowth and blowdowns.
- Reviewed grant opportunities and proposed to TC action to capitalize on available funding.
- Identified vacant land purchase opportunities and proposed uses and conservation.
- Evaluated trails located at Kent Street and proposed a plan for upgrade and maintenance of trails. Recommended plan was submitted to TC which approved a reconstruction of trail south of Kent St.
- Ad hoc trails committee became the Open Space Committee.
- Flooded bridge on the Blue trail in Osamequin will be moved closer to 114 to avoid further erosion of trails and ensure access.
- Major parks in Barrington were assigned committee members in the role of informal stewards to report back on trails and park conditions.

2021 Agenda / Goals

- Begin to articulate/draft a comprehensive trail map covering all trails in Barrington and identify potential for improvement.
- Review the current trails and potential sources of funding for upgrades and maintenance to town trails.

- Continue progressing on Kent St. & Osamequin trail upgrade.

Town Council and Administration Requests for Support

- Approval of town portion of funding to supplement potential state and federal funding for trail maintenance and updates.

Park & Recreation Committee (Commission) 2020 Annual Report

Attendance No meetings from March to June, then zoom meetings thereafter

Mike Seward	(chair)	8 of 9 meetings
Tom Rimoshytus	(vice chair)	8 of 9 meetings
Catherine Horn	(member)	7 of 9 meetings
Goeff Turner	(member)	8 of 9 meetings
Fletcher Thomson	(member)	8 of 9 meetings
Patricia Driscoll	(member)	6 of 9 meetings
Anthony Arico	(member)	9 of 9 meetings
James Bellamy	(member - resigned)	1 of 9 meetings

2020 Accomplishments

- In February the committee was exploring doing a community needs survey, but that languished due to the situation changing due to covid
- Committee members Tom Rymoshytus, Mike Seward and Catherine Horn were involved with the recreation ad-hoc committee throughout the year.
- The committee supported the installation of dug-out covers for the safety of athletes at both little league and school baseball fields. Again, that languished due to the covid situation.
- In September the committee supported study of a boche/croquet court/kayak launch behind the Barrington library.

2021 Agenda / Goals

- Research into shade structures at the middle school (for both school and summer recreation programs) and the beach.
- Revisit a community needs survey ... post-covid.
- Support of the recommendations of the ad-hoc recreation committee, including the development of fields at Haines park.
- Support dug out covers at the middle school and Chianese park.
- Review the parking/entrance fee at the Barrington beach.

Town Council and Administration Requests for Support

- Capital project to place shade structure at the Lincoln ave. tennis court
- Resurfacing of the Lincoln ave. tennis court.

Barrington Planning Board 2020 Annual Report

ATTENDANCE

Member	Position (at end of term or as of the end of 2020)	Attendance
William Kurtz	Member	7 of 9 Meetings
Greg Lucini ¹	1 st Alternate	3 of 3 Meetings
Brian Morley ²	2 nd Alternate	1 of 1 Meetings
Roni Phipps ³	Vice Chair	8 of 9 Meetings
Ronald Pitt	Member	9 of 9 Meetings
Mariana Silva-Buck	Member	5 of 9 Meetings
Richard Simms	Member	6 of 9 Meetings
Jared Wallace ⁴	Chair	8 of 9 Meetings
<i>Former Members</i>		
Robert Humm ⁵	Chair	8 of 8 Meetings
Jonathan Weinstein ⁶	Vice Chair	6 of 6 Meetings

¹ Appointed 9/14/2020

² Appointed 11/2/2020

³ Elected Vice Chair 11/10/2020

⁴ Elected Chair 11/10/2020

⁵ Resigned in November after election to the Town Council.

⁶ Resigned prior to the October 2020 meeting

9 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD:

JANUARY 7, 2020	APRIL 7, 2020	OCTOBER 6, 2020
FEBRUARY 4, 2020	JUNE 2, 2020	NOVEMBER 10, 2020
MARCH 3, 2020	SEPTEMBER 1, 2020	DECEMBER 1, 2020

2020 Accomplishments

- Amended Land Development & Subdivision Regulations to reduce size of Technical Review Committee from 7 full members to 5, and provide for 2 alternates
- Reviewed Starbucks development plan review application; recommended approval of project without drive-through. Applicant did not submit to the Zoning Board.
- Approved Recommended 6-Year Capital Improvement Program
- Granted 1-year extension of Master Plan approval for Continuing Care Retirement Community at the former Zion Bible Institute campus
- Recommended approval of the conversion of the AAA building at 280 County Road into a bank (Chase Bank), with a drive-up ATM (drive-through was subsequently denied by the Zoning Board)

- Reviewed Draft Complete Streets Plan for Barrington
- Approved Master Plan for 3-unit (1 affordable) development at 302 Waseca Ave.

2021 Agenda / Goals

- Focus on: Improving the Village Center & making Barrington more business friendly, enhancing the Town's resilience in response to the threat of climate change, promoting diversity and inclusion in the town, protecting & enhancing Barrington's natural spaces, revisiting plans for the Zion Bible Institute campus.
- Making concrete progress on the Complete Streets initiative
- Improving technical expertise on the board (architects, engineers, urban planners)
- Evaluate allowing outdoor dining through a Town administrative process rather than requiring Zoning Board approval of a special use permit. This would be similar to the approval process of outdoor dining allowed by executive order in response to the pandemic.

Town Council and Administration Requests for Support

- Would a moratorium or ban on future drive throughs improve the walkability of the Village Center?
- Funding for recreational improvements such as a true skating park similar to EP or Bristol, improved walking path signage and mapping
- Request joint Planning Board-Town Council workshop on planning goals to be held spring of 2021

Resilience and Energy Committee 2020 Annual Report

Meeting Dates: 1/27/2020; 2/24/2020; 4/27/2020; 5/18/2020; 7/27/2020; 9/28/2020; 11/30/2020; 12/14/2020

Attendance

(Name)	(Position)	(x of 8 meetings)
Lynne Carter	Chair as of Feb.	8/8
David Beal	member	8/8
Magnus Thorsson	member	7/8
Joseph Berryhill	member	6/8
Richard Wilbur	member	5/8
Rickie Sonpal	member	5/8
Joshua Medeiros	member/alternate	3/8
Charles VK Thangaraj	member	0/8
Eric Wiesner	member	new- 3/3
Steven DeLuca	member	new-1/1
Tad Segal	member	1/8 (resigned Feb)
Rob Hart	former Chair	2/8 (resigned Feb)
Michael Carroll	Town Council Liaison	4/8
Kim Jacobs	Planning Dept Liaison	8/8

2020 Accomplishments

- New Chairperson at February 24, 2020 committee meeting
- Municipal aggregation agreement development and support (w/ Good Energy)
- Benchmarking Town performance on 2020 Energy Goals with Town Planner
- Starting the process with John Balfe from New England Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) to establish new Town Energy goals
- Contributed to Town pandemic plan: covid-19 destroying light bulbs
- Supported installation of EV charger stations at Town Hall and Police Cove
- Advocated for solar on the solar-ready roof at BMS; also exploring solar options for other school roofs and other Town locations
- Developed Town of Barrington Resilient Future Resolution – Approved at Dec 14, 2020 committee meeting for submission to TC
- Supported Planning Department's pilot project to install SLR/flood sensors for street lights for real time notification of flooding in specific locations
- Committee reviewed the goals and strategies compiled in the Town's 2011 Strategic Energy Plan, 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and 2019 Community Resilience Building (CRB) Workshop Summary of Findings (SOF) in an effort to determine what resilience and energy issues should be added to committee remit
- Reviewed and endorsed a number of planning dept. grant initiatives

2021 Agenda / Goals

- Encourage acceptance and support of Town of Barrington Resilient Future Resolution
- Continue to assist municipal aggregation efforts
- Work with Town and NEEP to establish new energy goals and update Town's Strategic Energy Plan
- Committee to identify and take action on key resilient issues impacting the Town
- Work with School Committee, if receptive, to support the installation of solar on school roofs
- Work with School Committee, if receptive, to encourage opportunities to integrate climate change, resilience, and sustainability into the school curriculum
- Advocate for Town to electrify Town fleet
- Educate public on what the Town and the Committee are doing to build resilience – possibly through articles in the Barrington Times, or by hosting a Resilience/Environment Fair
- Consider appointing a Committee Member as liaison for the Green Infrastructure Coalition
- Research and discuss benefit of ZERO Emissions Code
- Continue to respond to requests for information and assistance from Town Council and Town staff and meet with Department heads to share R&E Committee goals and become a stronger resource to support Department goals.
- Explore opportunities for building community support for storm water funding and other resilience efforts

Town Council and Administration Requests for Support

- Accept Town of Barrington Resilient Future Resolution and rapidly implement changes to Town policies in all departments needed to apply, support, accommodate, and undertake intentions of the Resolution.
- Support for the updated Strategic Energy Plan
- Continue to support the Town's Resilience planner
- Continue to fund the climate mitigation project and energy capital accounts

Senior Services Advisory Committee

2020 Annual Report

Attendance

Please see attached attendance report.

2020 Accomplishments

- Assisted with the management of major renovations to the Peck Center
- Discussed means of providing aid to seniors during the pandemic including providing lunches to individuals at their homes
- Supported Michele Geremia with respect to a burst pipe at the Peck Center and the ongoing renovations
- Discussed planning for a public relations campaign to accompany the reopening of the renovated Peck Center
- Reviewed and forwarded on a proposal with respect to the construction of Bocci and Croquet courts in Barrington
- Advocated for an increased budget for the Peck Center to make it possible to have the staffing for consistent opening hours
- Discussed how to provide support to the Barrington Village
- Restarted monthly meetings via Zoom following the pandemic

2021 Agenda / Goals

- Planning a public relations campaign for the reopening of the renovated Peck Center and to create more awareness of the services and programs offered
- Discuss means of making the Center appeal to a broader group of the Barrington community
- Discuss extending the Peck Center hours on Monday nights to 8:00 p.m.
- Discuss and implement more intergenerational programs such as a story-time for children
- Support Michele Geremia in the hiring of a Program Coordinator

Town Council and Administration Requests for Support

- Support for Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-25 with Respect to Amendment to § 169-9 which deals with tax exemption for the elderly and totally disabled
- Support with promotion of the newly renovated Peck Center

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Senior Services Advisory Board
2020 Attendance

	1/9/20	2/13/20	3/12/20	9/10/20	10/8/20	11/12/20	12/10/20
Elizabeth Azevedo	X		X	X	X	X	X
Mary Kay Chapin				X	X	X	X
Moyne Cabbage		X	X			X	X
Maryanne Noris	X	X		X	X	X	X
Erin Paquette	X	X	X		X	X	X
Alfred Schrade	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Karen Statser	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sieglinde Wurst		X	X				
Laura Young	X	X	X	X	X	X	

X denotes member attended meeting

Note: Meetings of the Senior Services Advisory Board were not held in April through August due to the pandemic.

Technical Review Committee 2020 Annual Report

Attendance

Jon Stabach	Member/Chair as of 10/21/2020	4 of 4 meetings
Noah Szosz	Member	4 of 4 meetings
Ted Wetherill	Member as of 10/6/2020	3 of 3 meetings
Bob Stillings	Chair (resigned April 2020)	1 of 1 meeting
Greg Lucini	Member as of 12/1/2020	1 of 1 meeting
Robert Stewart	Member (resigned April 2020)	1 of 1 meeting
Jon Weinstein	Member (resigned Sept. 2020)	1 of 1 meeting

2020 Accomplishments

- Completed advisory reviews of the following applications:
 - Starbucks at 227 County Road (new construction)
 - A 5,750-square-foot squash court building at St. Andrew's School
 - Chase Bank at 280 County Road (building conversion; add drive-up ATM)
 - 2-lot subdivision at 228 Rumstick Road, requiring a dimensional variance
 - 3-unit comprehensive permit proposal at 302 Waseca Ave.
 - Development at 173R Maple Ave. (comprehensive permit) including a commercial building, three apartments and a duplex structure

2021 Agenda / Goals

- Continue reviewing applications to recommend revisions to plans to ensure compliance with Town regulations and goals of the Barrington Comprehensive Plan

Town Council and Administration Requests for Support

- Need assistance from Town to advertise openings on the TRC (members are appointed by the Planning Board)

Zoning Board of Appeals 2020 Annual Report

Attendance

Paul Blasbalg	10	member	9 of 11 meetings
Ian Donahue	10	alternate	11 of 11 meetings
Mark Freel	11	vice chairman	9 of 11 meetings
Jude Kostas ¹	4	alternate	4 of 4 meetings
Thomas Kraig	10	chairman	10 of 11 meetings
Ladd Meyer	11	member	11 of 11 meetings
Dave Rizzolo	11	member	11 of 11 meetings
Douglas Caito ²	2	alternate	2 of 2 meetings

2020 Accomplishments

- The Board was able successfully to transition to Virtual Meetings; only the March meeting was cancelled
- Town obtained State and Town authorization to have a third alternate, in order to avoid or at least minimize quorum issues
- As of today, no appeals have been filed from our 2020 decisions – I again view this as an important objective since appeals cost the Town money
- We have set our 2021 calendar so as to avoid conflicts with school vacation weeks and religious holidays

2021 Agenda / Goals

- Continue to work with the Town's Building Official and new administrative assistant / secretary to facilitate processing and hearing of applications
- Our again new secretary and I continue to work to simplify and clarify our minutes
- Bring fully up to speed / integrate into Board our two new members; Mike Raposa joined the Board, effective with the January meeting

Town Council and Administration Requests for Support

- None, as of January 2021

Tom Kraig, Chairman
January 25, 2021

¹ Jude Kostas resigned from the Board after the May meeting; the reason was personal and did not have anything to do with the Board

² Douglas Caito joined the Board effective with the November meeting